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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 0343

FOR ARA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP PINR HA

SUBJ: VISIT OF HAITIAN INFORMATION & COORDINATION MINISTER  
PIERRE GOUSSE

1. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMATION AND COORDINATION MINISTER PIERRE GOUSSE IS IN WASHINGTON FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND HAS ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR TODMAN. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS, HE IS THERE PRIMARILY TO HIRE A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM TO REPRESENT HAITI IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON GOUSSE IN WASHINGTON. GOUSSE, WHO FILLED VARIOUS ROLES IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INCLUDING UNDERSECRETARY UP TO 1974, IS AGAIN ONE OF THOSE BEING TOUTED AS POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS. THIS RUMOR ALSO SURFACED STRONGLY IN 1977 AND UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTS THE DESIRES OF GOUSSE AND POSSIBLY THOSE OF THE OLD GUARD DUVALIERISTS. CABINET CHANGES ARE CONSTANTLY BEING RUMORED BY THE "OUTS"; WE DO NOT KNOW HOW PROBABLY THE CURRENT RUMOR IS.

3. IN HIS INFORMATION MINISTER ROLE, BASED IN THE PALACE, GOUSSE HAS BEEN FAR LESS ACCESSIBLE TO THIS EMBASSY THAN BEFORE. HE HAS NEVER RECEIVED AMBASSADOR JONES AND HIS GENERAL  
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RELATIONS WITH THE EMBASSY HAVE BEEN CASUAL TO SAY THE LEAST. HE HAS ALSO SHOWN CONSIDERABLE INEPTITUDE IN HIS JOB, MOST NOTABLY, IN OUR OPINION, IN HIS DEALINGS WITH VISITING U.S. JOURNALISTS.  
JONES

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